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Percy T. McAfee III, Plaintiff

V.

Eaw Firm of Forster & Garbus, Defendant Edward J. Damsky, Esq., Co-Defendant Robert A. Meyerson, Esq., Co-Defendant Jacques Nazaire, Esq., Co-Defendant 1 COMPLAINT

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PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL DEMAND OFFICE

Case Number:

GARAUFIS. "J.

- At all times hereinafter mentioned, plaintiff was and still is a resident of Suffolk County,
   State of New York.
- Defendant, Law Firm of Forster & Garbus, has a main office at 500 Bi-County Blvd. Suite 300, West Wing, Farmingdale, NY 11735-3931
- Co-Defendant, Jacques Nazaire, Esq., is an associate lawyer of Forster & Garbus, at 500 Bi-County Blvd. Suite 300, West Wing, Farmingdale, NY 11735-3931
- Co-Defendant, Robert Meyerson, Esq., is an associate lawyer of Forster & Garbus, at 500 Bi-County Blvd. Suite 300, West Wing, Farmingdale, NY 11735-3931
- Co-Defendant, Edward J. Damsky, Esq., is an associate lawyer of Forster & Garbus, at 500
   Bi-County Blvd. Suite 300, West Wing, Farmingdale, NY 11735-3931

### **JURISDICATION**

- 6. The jurisdiction of this court is invoked pursuant to Federal Law, violation of statutes:
  - 15 USC §1692e, (8 counts)

# 1st CAUSE OF ACTION VIOLATION OF FEDERAL STATUTES

- June, 2004, Forster & Garbus entered a civil action, representing Citibank, against plaintiff at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Court, Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, Index #1599/04
- 8. September, 2004, Forster & Garbus discontinued the action, Index #1599/04
- October, 2004, Forster & Garbus entered a second civil action, representing Citibank, for the same alleged account, in the Suffolk County Supreme Court, Index # 23669/04
- January 31, 2005, plaintiff mailed, certified/return receipt, defendant Forster & Garbus an
   Interrogatory, in regard to court action 23669/04, requesting it be answered.
- 11. Defendant failed to answer the Interrogatory.
- 12. August 19, 2005, plaintiff mailed, certified/return receipt, a second request to defendant, Forster & Garbus, to answer the Interrogatory in question allowing them an additional 20 days. An additional copy of the letter was sent FedEx on August 25, 2005.
- 13. Failure to disclose information is deceptive.
- 14. As of the date of this summons and complaint, defendant, Forster & Garbus, has failed to answer the Interrogatory in violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- 15. On March 6, 2006, plaintiff received a Request for Preliminary Hearing accompanied with a Request for Judicial Intervention, in regard to court action 23669/04, from defendant, Forster & Garbus.
- Co-Defendant Robert A. Meyerson signed the Request for Judicial Intervention, dated July
   29, 2005.
- 17. Co-Defendant Edward J. Damsky signed the Request for Preliminary Hearing, dated March3, 2006.

- 18. At the bottom of the Request for Judicial Intervention is a section inquiring about related cases. Mr. Meyerson stated that "there are and have been no related actions or proceedings" and signed the document under penalty of perjury.
- 19. There was a prior action.
- 20. A prior action is a related case.
- 21. Failure to disclose information about the prior action is misrepresentation of the facts.
- 22. Misrepresentation is a deceptive act. It is a violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- 23. Mr. Meyerson perjured himself when he signed the Request for Judicial Intervention.
- 24. Perjury is a deceptive act. It is a violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- 25. The legal document represented by Mr. Meyerson was not submitted to the court.
- 26. Submitting that document (Request for Judicial Intervention) to the plaintiff as a legal document without submitting it to the court is misrepresentation of legal documents.
- 27. Misrepresentation is a violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- 28. The document represented by Mr. Damsky, the Request for Preliminary Hearing, is a legal document.
- 29. The legal document represented by Mr. Damsky was not submitted to the court.
- 30. Submitting that document (Request for Preliminary Hearing) to the plaintiff as a legal document without submitting it to the court is misrepresentation of legal documents.
- 31. Misrepresentation is a violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- April 17, 2006, plaintiff received a Motion for Summary Judgment accompanied with a Request for Judicial Intervention, in regard to court action 23669/04.
- 33. Co-Defendant Jacques Nazaire signed both documents.

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- 34. At the bottom of the Request for Judicial Intervention is a section inquiring about related cases. Mr. Nazaire stated that "there are and have been no related actions or proceedings" and signed the document under penalty of perjury.
- 35. There was a prior action.
- 36. A prior action is a related case.
- 37. Failure to disclose information about the prior action is misrepresentation of the facts.
- 38. Misrepresentation is a deceptive act. It is a violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- 39. Mr. Nazaire perjured himself when he signed the Request for Judicial Intervention.
- 40. Perjury is a deceptive act. It is a violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).
- 41. The Motion for Summary Judgment, submitted by Mr. Nazaire, contained a piece of evidence labeled "Affidavit of Service, Exhibit E" that was intended to be proof that the plaintiff was properly served a summons and complaint in regard to court action 23669/04.
- 42. Plaintiff never saw the affidavit prior to April 17, 2006.
- 43. The affidavit was not notarized nor signed by the process server.
- 44. The affidavit makes the claim that the summons and complaint was handed to a female resident named Jenifer McAfee at the residence at 230 E. Montauk Hwy., Hampton Bays NY.
- 45. The address in question is not a residence, nor could it be mistaken for one, it is a business address.
- 46. It is also the legal mailing address of plaintiff.
- 47. No one resides at the address in question.
- 48. Plaintiff has no relatives named Jenifer.
- 49. Plaintiff is male.
- 50. Plaintiff has no co-workers, partners or employees.

- 51. The document is fraudulent.
- 52. Fraud is meant to deceive.
- 53. Who committed the fraud is unknown to plaintiff.
- 54. The law of agency puts the blame on the shoulders of defendant, Forster & Garbus, in violation of 15 USC §1692e (1 count).

## 2<sup>nd</sup> CAUSE OF ACTION

- 55. Defendants' deliberate acts of misrepresentation and deception have caused plaintiff actual damages in the form of mental duress and distress.
- 56. Plaintiff, as a result, has suffered from sleeplessness, nightmares, headaches and difficulty concentrating.
- 57. Plaintiff, as a result takes little interest in hobbies, reading, movies or TV.
- 58. Plaintiff has suffered a decreased ability to function fully at work or perform tasks relative to home life.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> CAUSE OF ACTION

- 59. Plaintiff seeks punitive damages, claiming that the intent of the FDCPA is to eliminate abusive practices of debt collectors.
- 60. Defendants listed in this action are not just debt collectors; they are officers of the court.
- 61. Defendants' deliberate acts of misrepresentation and deception show disrespect for the court system.
- 62. Punitive damages awarded set an example to other collection attorneys.

- 63. Wherefore, plaintiff demands, as relief:
  - Statutory damages in the amount of \$8,000.00, total.
  - Punitive damages in the amount of \$10,000.00, total.
  - Actual damages in the amount of \$50,000.00, total.
  - For a total of <u>\$68,000.00</u>, in damages.
  - All court costs incurred to prosecute this action shall be added to the total of damages.
  - Any further relief that the court deems appropriate.

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